

I'm Free

By
Anne Lindgren Davison

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
If my parting has left a void,

I've found that peace at the close of day
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch

If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.
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Pallbearers

Robert Buckner Rico Miller
Ronnie Buckner Bruce Taylor
Eddie Felton Talverton Taylor

Honorary Pallbearers

David Bryant Vernon McDougal
Charles McGee Malcolm Taylor

Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

Our family extends its heartfelt appreciation for the prayers, phone calls, visits and many acts of kindness shown. You will never know how much you have helped us during our time of bereavement. We would also like to send special thanks to: Pastor Angela Wooten, Cousin Eugene Felton Sr., Ronald Simpson, Mary Ann Postell, Francine Miller, Labarbara Taylor, Bruce Taylor, Malcolm Taylor and Mildred Bearden.

We ask that you continue to lift us up in your prayers!

The Family

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In Loving Memory



PAUL BUCKNER

October 20, 1940 - September 28, 2024

Saint James CME Church

215 Railroad Street

Marshallville, GA 31057

Saturday, October 5, 2024

11:00 AM

Summary of Life

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Mr. Paul Buckner was born to the late Lucy Ree and Off Buckner. Paul was also known as “*Unk or Buck of the Town*”. After graduating from D.F. Douglas High School in Montezuma, GA he was employed by Blue Bird Body Company for 39 years until his retirement. While employed, he received awards in appreciation for dedication while working there as an employee.

Paul was a faithful, dedicated member of The St. James CME Church where he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board and member of the choir and male chorus until his health started failing. Paul loved his Church family and his role as overseer of the Finances.

Paul also loved his family and would do anything they asked with a glad heart. He loved talking with his grandsons when they came to visit. They would sit around eat, drink, laugh, and do some quartet singing. He also loved talking with his granddaughter about life and doing well in school. He enjoyed taking her for rides to grab a bite to eat. He also always asked for his great grandson with a glad heart.

Paul loved spending time with his baby brother Sam and hanging out in his favorite spot watching wheel of Fortune with his sister Tiny.

Mr. Paul Buckner was preceded in death by four brothers: Willie Buckner Sr., O.C. Buckner Sr., Charlie Buckner Sr., and Jimmie Buckner Sr; two sisters: Annie Mae McLane and Mary Lou Harris.

He leaves to cherish his memories: son, Michael Lamar Buckner (Marshallville, GA); daughter, Maria Denise Buckner (Newport News, VA); granddaughter, Ta'Ziah Buckner (Marshallville, GA); two grandsons: Deshawn Letrell Fauntleroy (Newport News, VA); Shawn Landell Fauntleroy Jr and great grandson, Shawn Landell Fauntleroy, III (Hampton, VA); two sisters: Altomese Taylor (Marshallville, GA); Louise Bryant (New Orleans, LA); brother Samuel Buckner (Marshallville, GA); brother-in-law, Otis Harris (Marshallville, GA); sister-in-law, Mary Buckner (Akron Ohio); devoted friend, Annie Ruth Rumph; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Our Family

Is a Circle of Strength;
 Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
 Kept by God, Together
forever



The Celebration

Rev. Angela Wootson, Officiating

Musical Prelude
 Processional
 Musical Selection St. James Choir/Male Chorus
 Prayer Rev. Victor Johnson
 Musical Selection Sis. Joyce Askew

Scriptures

Old Testament Rev. Billy Heard
 New Testament Rev. Victor Johnson

Tributes

Rev. Billy Heard
 Mildred Bearden
 Eugene Felton
 Shawn & Deshawn Fauntleroy

Musical Selection St. James Choir/Male Chorus
 Eulogy Rev. Angela Wootson
 Acknowledgements.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff
 Recessional



Interment

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